

ENCLOSURE

Feasibility of Publishing a Non-Classified Geographical Handbook

Report by the Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board

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The Problem

1. To study the feasibility of preparing Geographical Handbooks based on JANIS omitting all classified material.

Points Bearing on the Problem

2. Numerous requests from outside agencies, Universities, and scientific organisations for copies of JANIS indicate a strong public demand for information on foreign areas.

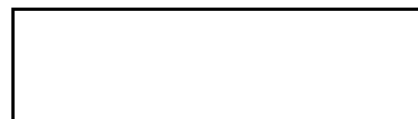


4. The Government Printing Office quoted the following estimates of cost of reproducing a volume similar to the British Geographical Handbook (about 900 pages).

	First	Added
a. Letterpress printing	1,000	1,000

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Letterpress printing with tipped in
halftones



Letterpress printing with
halftones grouped in signatures

b. Offset Printing

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Varitype justified column with
halftones grouped in signatures

Varitype straight with
halftones grouped in signatures

Electromatic (IBM) justified with
halftones grouped in signatures

Electromatic (IBM) straight with
halftones grouped in signatures



*Cost of halftones
3 times as much*

*almost impossible
to tabulate*

*Cost of labor
would be same*

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The cost of preparing Chapter I of JANIS 75 as a Terrain Handbook in 4,100 copies was [redacted]

5. The handbook would not be self-liquidating if sold through Superintendent of Documents because initiating agency must bear cost of initial printing. Superintendent of Documents prints added copies and sells them at cost. No part of proceeds from such sales are turned over to originating agency.

6. The Handbooks might be printed by a commercial publishing company. This office received a letter of inquiry from Harcourt, Brace and Company on 1 August 1946 indicating the interest of that company in considering the feasibility of publishing JANIS on a commercial basis should they be declassified. Mr. Sidney Kramer of the Library of Congress believes that Harcourt, Brace and Company might be willing to finance the rewriting of the studies.

7. The preparation of the manuscript for the Geographical Handbook might be done in any one of the following ways:

a. For future JANIS studies the project might be farmed out by contributing agencies to research personnel in colleges or research institutions to be written prior to the writing of the JANIS chapter. By this method no classified material could find its way into the nonclassified study and the study could form the basis for the JANIS chapter. This method would lighten the work load of JANIS contributors by providing them with a digest of all basic data available through library research.

b. Contributor might write the JANIS chapter and then prepare a copy omitting all classified material. This method would probably increase the contributors work load by 10% to 20% in most instances.

c. For studies already prepared as well as for future studies the JANIS chapter as written by the contributor, might be turned over to a committee set up by the National Research Council for rewriting - omitting classified material and clearing infringements on copyright. Such rewrite would probably be quite extensive, and in many cases, might combine several JANIS into a comprehensive handbook on a political unit (e.g. combine JANIS 81, 84 and 85 into one study [redacted]). In some instances many of the personnel who wrote the original studies might be available as members of the rewrite committee.

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The work load of the contributing agencies would not be increased if this method were adopted. However, some financial aid to the rewrite committee might be required unless commercial publishing company would defray rewrite costs.

Conclusion

8. The Joint Intelligence Study Publishing Board believes that the preparation of Geographical Handbooks of a nonclassified nature is desirable.

9. It is suggested that the Joint Topographical Subcommittee determine whether further investigation of the plans outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7c should be made.